

U.S FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Partnerships in the Great Lakes Region

Partnerships are essential for effective fisheries conservation. No one can do it alone.

We thank our many partner agencies, organizations and private individuals in fisheries restoration and management.

What are our goals?

- To maintain, develop and improve long-term partnerships to restore aquatic resources of the Great Lakes region.
- To share resources, funding, data and expertise.

Who are our partners?

- Provincial, federal, state, and tribal agencies and leaders in Canada and eight states.
- Clubs and organizations.
- Private citizens.

National Leaders



Service partners include federal agencies and members of Congress who champion conservation. U.S. Geological Survey and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service partners pose with Senator Carl Levin (wearing hat) from Michigan.

State Partners



Service biologists work with Ohio Department of Natural Resources partners to monitor the health of wild fish populations. State partners are key to managing the Great Lakes fishery.

What do we accomplish?

The Service and its partners:

- Restore native populations (lake trout, lake whitefish, sturgeon, coaster brook trout).
- Manage invasive species (sea lamprey, zebra mussels).
- Monitor fish health in native and hatchery populations.
- Restore, enhance and protect fish and wildlife habitat.
- Share scientific expertise through training, education and outreach.



Volunteers



Service staff work with volunteers to restore 200 feet of creek bank in Ohio. Volunteers use biodegradable material and native vegetation to reduce sediment loads into Crane Creek, a coastal waterway to Lake Erie.

Restoring Species



We work with partners to restore native species. These Higgins' eye pearlymussels were cultured at Genoa National Fish Hatchery in Wisconsin. They will help restore populations endangered by habitat degradation and invasive zebra mussels.